




Memorandum

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To: CALFED Policy Group

From: Steven R. Ritchie
Acting Executive Director 

Subject: Supplement to CALFED 11/17/99 Policy Group Meeting Package

Consistent with the Policy Group's October 5, 1999 request, a Water Year 2000 Operations Plan briefing will be provided at the November 17, 1999 Policy Group Meeting. The briefing will include a status report on near-term measures which are being pursued to help stabilize south of the Delta water supplies and avoid potential unanticipated fishery and water supply conflicts in Water Year 2000.

The various measures being considered for implementation in Water Year 2000 are listed on the attached table and include: (1) increasing the operational flexibility of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project; (2) acquiring water from others; (3) leasing storage space from others; and (4) shifting water users from project supplies to other sources on a seasonal basis. It is anticipated that many of the measures would be implemented by acquiring options. Implementing the measures in a timely manner will require significant effort. For example, many of the measures will require negotiations and environmental documentation. Some of the measures will also require funding. Securing funding has been identified by at least one of the water sellers as a prerequisite to initiating negotiations.

As discussed at the Policy Group's October 5, 1999 meeting, it is critical to begin taking the necessary steps to ensure these measures are accomplished to help stabilize south of the Delta water supplies and avoid potential unanticipated fishery and water supply conflicts in Water Year 2000. Accordingly, at the November 17, 1999 Policy Group Meeting, concurrence will be requested to utilize \$10 million of the "non-ecosystem" FY 2000 monies to initiate negotiations to secure near-term measures which will have immediate utility in Water Year 2000 and beyond.

Attachment

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
 Department of Fish and Game
 Department of Water Resources
 California Environmental Protection Agency
 State Water Resources Control Board
 Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
 Department of the Interior
 Fish and Wildlife Service
 Bureau of Reclamation
 U.S. Geological Survey
 Bureau of Land Management
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

